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GENEVA FOR CSCE AND NPT REVIEW

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FEATURED FORD RAISES OIL  
TARIFF, LEAVES FOR EUROPE; THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE FORD  
AFFIRMS NATO SUPPORT. COMMENT ON SUNDRY TOPICS.

1A. WEDNESDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED SALT RESUMPTION POSTPONED; ALSO GISCARD HAS BIRTHDAY SURPRISE FOR KISSINGER; NYTIMES REPORTED SOVIET DENIES IT PLANS BASES IN LIBYA. THURSDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORT JAMES CARTER OF GEORGIA SAYS US MUST HONOR ITS COMMITMENTS TO KOREA BUT SUGGESTS US TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. NYTIMES REPORTS CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT SAYS AMERICAN SLUMP PERILS WELFARE OF EUROPEANS.

2. SALT. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST WORLD ROUNDUP REPORTED FROM GENEVA US-USSR HAVE FURTHER DELAYED RESUMPTION OF SALT, ACCORDING CONFERENCE SOURCES. ITEM ADDS NEGOTIATIONS RECESSED MAY 7 SO DELEGATES COULD RETURN TO THEIR CAPITALS

FOR FRESH INSTRUCTIONS AND WERE TO HAVE RESUMED JUNE 2, BUT ARE NOW BEING DELAYED FOR A FURTHER TWO OR THREE WEEKS, SOURCES SAID, ADDING A FIRM DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND DELAY GIVES CAPITALS TIME FOR MORE CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES.

2A. WASHSTAR GENEVA ITEM ADDED THAT BETTING ON RESUMPTION DATE IS FOR LAST WEEK IN JUNE, EXPLAINING THAT A NEW POSTPONEMENT WAS ANTICIPATED AFTER MAY 28 KISSINGER GROMYKO MEETING.

3. FORD. THURSDAY NYTIMES SHABECOFF BRUSSELS STRESSES FORD'S DECLARATION THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE WILL NOT FALTER, ADDING AIRPORT STATEMENT THAT NATO IS CORNERSTONE OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND HAS UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND OUR CONGRESS. SHABECOFF REPORTS LUNS NOTED THAT NATO MEETING HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN CALLED TO PREPARE FOR CSCE SUMMIT BUT WHETHER CONFERENCE

WILL BE HELD BY SUMMER IS NOW IN DOUBT AND IT IS NO LONGER CHIEF PURPOSE OF NATO MEETING WHICH WILL INCLUDE VIENNA ARMS REDUCTION TALKS, SALT AND REVAMPED NUCLEAR STRATEGY FOR NATO.  
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3A. THURSDAY WASHPOST GOSHKO BRUSSELS SAID FORD BEGAN HIS CAMPAIGN TO RELIEVE FEARS AMONG AMERICA'S WEST EUROPEAN ALLIES THAT US WITHDRAWAL FROM INDOCHINA AND INTERNAL TROUBLES WITHIN NATO MIGHT MEAN A LESSENING OF THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO EUROPE'S DEFENSES AGAINST THE SOVIET BLOC. MARDER BRUSSELS STRESSES EUROPEANS EXPECT A DISPLAY OF LEADERSHIP FROM FORD.

4. NATO COMMENT. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST EDITORIAL SAID FORD'S PARTICIPATION AT NATO SUMMIT WILL REASSURE EUROPEANS BUT SUMMIT SHOULD ULTIMATELY BE JUDGED ON DEGREE TO WHICH EUROPEANS LIVE UP TO THEIR POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN DEALING WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEMS SUCH AS FRANCE,

PORTUGAL, GREECE AND TURKEY WHICH CURRENTLY WEAKEN THE ALLIANCE FROM WITHIN.

4A. THURSDAY NYTIMES EDITORIAL SAYS ACTIONS MORE THAN WORDS ARE NEEDED AT NATO SUMMIT TO HALT DECLINE OF WEST, ADVANCE OF COMMUNISM AND RADICALIZATION OF DEVELOPING NATIONS. IT NOTED APPROVINGLY RECENT MEASURES TAKEN BY ALLIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR POSITION SUCH AS CLOSER FRENCH COOPERATION WITH NATO, AS WELL AS AMERICAN DETERMINATION.

5. MBFR. THURSDAY NYTIMES SAFIRE SAID MBFR TALKS HAVE

BEEN A FRAUD WITH PROGRESS STALLED BY RUSSIANS AND US LOSING SIGHT OF NECESSARY QUID PRO QUO, AND ARGUED THAT WHILE SALT AGREEMENT IS IN INTEREST OF BOTH SUPERPOWERS, HELSINKI SUMMIT SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SPRING AND KEPT IN MEANTIME AS A LEVER TO PRY MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENT FROM SOVIETS.

6. CSCE. MAY 18 CINCINNATI ENQUIRER HAD EDITORIAL SAYING THAT WHILE THERE CAN BE NO REAL PEACE DURING THIS CENTURY IF SOVIETS FEEL ANXIOUS ABOUT THEIR CONTROL OF EAST EUROPE, THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT REASON TO CONFIRM SOVIET DOMINANCE AS GESTURE OF AMERICAN GOOD WILL. PAPER URGES ABANDONMENT OF CSCE IF IT CANNOT PRODUCE "REAL, PRACTICAL AND FIRM CONCESSIONS BY THE RUSSIANS."

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6A. MAY 20 RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH EDITORIAL, CITING HALSTI'S WARNING THAT RUSSIANS ARE TRYING TO SECURE THEIR EUROPEAN PERIMETER IN ORDER TO DEVOTE THEIR ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE ARMED CONFLICT WITH CHINA, CONCLUDES IT MAY NOT BE IN WEST'S INTEREST TO LET NATO'S GURAD DOWN NOW BY ALLOWING NEGOTIATORS TO BE RUSHED INTO SECURITY AND FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENTS WITH RUSSIANS THIS SUMMER.

7. NPT LETTER. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES PUBLISHED LETTER FROM PROF. DAVIDON OF HAVERFORD, ALSO A SANE BOARD MEMBER, NOW IN GENEVA ADVOCATING NOT ONLY MEASURES TO PREVENT HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES AND TERRORIST GROUPS BUT VERTICAL PROLIFERATION THROUGH FURTHER DEPLOYMENT OF WEAPONS BY NUCLEAR POWERS. DAVIDON CITES VARIOUS PROPOSALS AT GENEVA TO STRENGTHEN ARTICLE 6 BY COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AND REDUCTION IN WARHEADS; QUICK ACTION IN GENEVA COULD CHECK WHAT IS RAPIDLY BECOMING A BIGGER THREAT TO OUR LIVES THAN HEART DISEASE: NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

8. DEFENSE COMMENT. NYNEWS MAY 22 EDITORIAL HAILED HOUSE AUTHORIZATION OF 26.5 BILLION AUTHORIZATION, WHEREAS ONLY LAST JANUARY FRESHMAN CLASS OF GO-GO LIBERALS WAS

BOASTING HOW IT WAS GOING TO TEAR HUGE CHUNKS OUT OF  
PENTAGON BUDGET.

8A. NYPOST MAY 21 EDITORIAL NOTED MANY HOUSE MEMBERS  
ARE ON VERGE OF CAPITULATION TO ADMINISTRATION'S MILITARY  
BUDGET, BUT GRAVEST WORLD APPREHENSION ABOUT CONDUCT OF US  
IS STIRRED BY DECLINE OF OUR ECONOMY RATHER THAN FALL OF  
INDOCHINESE DESPOTS. CRAVEN CONGRESSIONAL SURRENDER TO  
PENTAGON IS SOMETHING LESS THAN A SYMBOL OF NATIONAL  
HEALTH, SAID NYPOST.

8B. LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL MAY 20 CONCLUDED US HAD  
LITTLE CHOICE, IN FACE OF SOVIET BUILDUP AND UNCERTAIN-  
TIES CREATED BY INDOCHINA DEBACLE, BUT TO KEEP UP THE  
STRENGTH OF ITS MILITARY FORCES OVERSEAS. STILL, SOME  
BUDGET REQUESTS APPEAR TO OFFER TOO LITTLE IN RELATION  
TO THEIR COST, SUCH AS B-1 BOMBER, OR TO RISK DESTABI-  
LIZING THE MUTUAL NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, SUCH AS TRIDENT  
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AND MISSILES OF IMPROVED ACCURACY.

8C. WASHPOST MAY 25 REGRETS THAT FEW CONGRESSMEN  
SEEM TO EVIDENCE ANYTHING LIKE A CLEAR OR PLAUSIBLE  
OVERALL CONCEPT OF OUR DEFENSE NEEDS OR WHAT SHOULD BE  
OUR MILITARY ROLE ABROAD. POST THINKS RECENT HOUSE  
BUDGET-CUTTING WAS A MIXED BAG, SAYING B-1 PROBABLY  
DESERVED TO GO FORWARD BUT AT A SLOWER RATE, BUT ATTEMPT  
TO REDUCE OVERSEAS TROOPS BY 70,000 RICHLY DESERVED TO  
BE DEFEATED.

9. NOTE TO ADDRESSEES: DUE TO RETIREMENT OF PUBLIC  
OPINION SPECIALIST IN BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND  
ABSENCE IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT, PRESENT SERIES OF CABLES  
IS SUSPENDED FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD. INGERSOLL

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